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A SENSOR ELEMENT, HAVING A STABILIZED  
MEMBRANE AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH  
A COMPONENT  
Examiner : Alicia Chevalier  
Art Unit : 1772  
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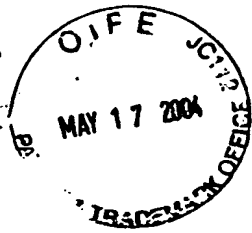
**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2004, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-captioned application is an  
Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which  
to respond to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, for which a response period  
expiring on April 14, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on May 14, 2004.  
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. §  
1.136(a) extension fee of **\$110.00** as well as any appropriate additional fees or  
credit any overpayment to deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of  
this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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